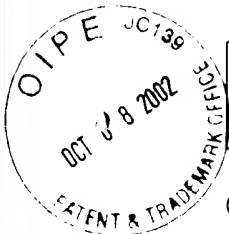


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In re Application of:)	
SEISHI KATO ET AL.)	Examiner: Bridget E. Bunner
)	Group Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/529,205)	
Filed: August 21, 2000)	
For: HUMAN PROTEIN WITH)	
TRANSMEMBRANE DOMAINS)	
AND DNA ENCODING THE)	
PROTEIN)	October 7, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Applicants, having filed a Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal on September 6, 2002, hereby respond to the Office Action dated March 8, 2002 (Paper No.17), as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-12, 20, 24 and 25.

Please amend claims 13-15, 17 and 21 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is appended to this